

**Testimony from Deborah Cappa-Kotulski**

**In OPPOSITION TO HB 5263 TO ALLOW THE PROCESSING OF RABBITS FOR FOOD CONSUMPTION.**

**Honorable Members of the Commerce Committee**

I strongly urge the Committee to oppose this bill and instead protect rabbits from abuse and consumption for food.

These extremely gentle animals are common household pets and deserve the kind treatment that we afford dogs and cats

In response to public pressure reputable cosmetic companies have discontinued using rabbits for cruel tests. Similarly, a caring public will oppose a market for rabbit meat!

Connecticut must recognize rabbits as pets, not a food product!